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Online Games' jerseys auction to aid Haiti

RELIEF Olympic jerseys from some of the NHL's biggest stars started being auctioned off on eBay last night to raise money for humanitarian relief in Haiti.

Jerseys from Team Canada players including Sidney Crosby and Roberto Luongo will be on the virtual block for the next seven days, with the proceeds going to the Hockey for Haiti project.

A Swedish team jersey sweated in by Henrik Sedin will also be available to help World Vision build a health clinic and reconstruct a children's hospital. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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It's over **5-1**

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Vancouver's Roberto Luongo congratulates Chicago's Dustin Byfuglien after the Blackhawks defeated the Canucks 5-1 in Game Six of the Western Conference semifinals at GM Place last night to win the series 4-2. It's the second straight year the Blackhawks have eliminated the Canucks in the second round of the Stanley Cup playoffs. **Coverage, page 6.**

Is it a boy or a girl? That's the $50 question

B.C. hospitals to start charging fee to find out sex of fetus

LAURA FORTEY
for Metro Vancouver

A $50 charge to learn the sex of unborn babies will soon be implemented in all British Columbia hospitals, the Ministry of Health Services said yesterday.

The "gender determination" fee is already charged at Lions Gate and Richmond General hospitals.

A Ministry of Health Services spokeswoman said in an email to Metro Vancouver that while hospitals regularly perform ultrasounds to assess the health and development of the fetus, they do not regularly check for gender when performing the procedure.

If the sex of the baby is obvious during an ultrasound, the technician notes it in the report and the mother can ask the doctor for the information for free after 20 weeks. If gender isn't noted and expectant parents ask, a $50 fee will be charged for the additional service that requires more of the technician's time, the email said.

Leanne Maximnuk, an expectant Vancouver mother who found out her baby's sex a few weeks ago, said parents have the right to know and not be charged for the information.

"That's ridiculous," she said. "I had to make a separate appointment to find out the gender. Charging $50 is stupid."

Concerns

- Health professionals in B.C. do not disclose the gender of a fetus younger than 20 weeks to prevent gender-triggered abortions.

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Only two SeaBuses at a time, says CEO

TRANSLINK A lack of funds means TransLink can only afford to operate two of three SeaBuses, new CEO Ian Jarvis said yesterday.

TransLink, which has supported five years of significant transit growth, including the $2-billion Canada Line and the $800-million Golden Ears Bridge, is now tightening its belt and looking for efficiencies.

The third SeaBus, the MV Burrard Pacific Breeze, began plying Burrard Inlet in December alongside its 34-year-old cousins, the MV Burrard Otter and MV Burrard Beaver.

All three vessels were put into service during the Olympics, reducing the regular 15-minute schedule to 10 minutes between sailings.

After the Games, TransLink had planned to pull the older vessels from service (one at a time) to refurbish and have all three in operation by 2011.

But Jarvis, who spoke during TransLink's AGM aboard the Pacific Breeze yesterday, said because of funding, all three vessels are in operation, but only two are in service at a time.

Running a third scheduled SeaBus is more than just the operational costs, he said, because it would require a significant improvement in bus service on the North Shore.

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Snowmobilers whose risky behaviour puts others in danger could have their sleds seized under a proposed new law. METRO VANCOUVER

Local

In Furlong's honour

Mark II SkyTrain car named after VANOC CEO

TransLink named one of its new Mark II SkyTrain cars yesterday in honour of VANOC CEO John Furlong and his efforts to bring the 2010 Winter Olympics to Vancouver.

It is the first time that a SkyTrain car — whose full name is: In the Olympic Spirit of John Furlong — has been dedicated to an individual. The Mark I cars are named after B.C. towns, like Spirit of Merritt.

Furlong, the guest speaker at TransLink's AGM yesterday, praised the public transit system that moved more than 26 million riders during the Games, an increase of 31 per cent.

"The public didn't just embrace (transit)," he said. "They wholeheartedly embraced it and made the city the most livable, I think, than it has ever been."

Getting people out of their vehicles and onto transit, Furlong said, was one of the "best achievements of the Games" and would top the list of successes conveyed to the organizers of Sochi 2014.

Doug Kelsey, president of B.C. Rapid Transit (SkyTrain), said the region experienced a 36 per cent reduction in vehicle traffic during the Games, in part due to disincentives like 24-hour no-parking zones.

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Gala luncheon **Fans flock to McLachlan**

LAURA EPPER/FOR METRO VANCOUVER

Sarah McLachlan, far left, takes a photo with a fan at the Fairmont Hotel in downtown Vancouver yesterday. McLachlan, who performed several songs, was the star attraction at a gala luncheon for dignitaries, employees and partners at the launch of Canon's Vancouver Business Solutions office.

News in brief

CRIME Police on Vancouver Island are on the hunt for vandals who broke into a Saanich elementary school, trashed a classroom and students' projects, and defecated through a skylight on May 8.

B.C. HYDRO The second-in-command of the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Winter Games has been hired as CEO of B.C. Hydro. Dave Cobb was responsible for the finances of the Games.

GOALIES NHL goalies aren't being pulled soon enough, according to an SFU statistics professor who used simulation algorithms to study the strategy. Tim Swartz found coaches need to be more aggressive to increase the probability of winning.

TERROR FUNDS The first person charged under a post-9-11 law against raising funds for a terrorist group has pleaded guilty in a Vancouver courtroom. Prapaharan Thambithurai of Maple, Ont., has admitted to raising money from Tamil immigrants in the Vancouver area, knowing that some of the money would end up funding the banned Tamil Tigers. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Olympic ticket sellers still waiting on reimbursement

VANOC Some people who resold their Olympic tickets on VANOC's fan-to-fan website say they're frustrated they haven't got their reimbursement cheques and can't reach an operator on VANOC's ticketing information hotline.

VANOC yesterday said that's because it was overwhelmed with higher-than-expected demand and couldn't get all the 12,000 cheques in the mail by April 30, as promised.

Tyler Shandro of Calgary, resold three of his tickets and was expecting his $400 cheque by the end of April.

"It's very frustrating," Shandro said. "You can't log in on their website anymore."

Calling, he added, is no better.

The 1-800 number on VANOC's website refers callers to a 1-877 number, which then asks for a 10-digit mailbox number.

Renée Smith-Valade, spokesperson for VANOC, said batches of cheques have been going out daily since April 30, with priority going to local addresses.

"As of May 11, all of the cheques will be in the mail and, depending on where the recipient lives, most should have received their funds by no later than May 15," she said.

KRISTEN THOMPSON/ METRO VANCOUVER

Protest expected daily: Coast Mountain

RUSH HOUR A group of protesters who shut down Main and Hastings streets during the afternoon rush hour for the past two days are expected to continue halting traffic at that intersection every day until further notice, Coast Mountain Bus Company said.

"This protest is expected to be daily from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.," said Coast Mountain spokesperson Derek Zabel, adding they have prepared reroutes.

The protesters are demanding authorities reopen a nearby health clinic.

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Rescuers struggle to reach trapped miners

Thirty-eight Siberian coal miners are buried so deep in Russia's largest underground coal mine that rescuers use up most of their oxygen tanks trying to reach them and can't spend much time searching for the missing men, the regional governor said yesterday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Canada/World

Landslide kills family

It took only an instant for an idyllic country scene to collapse in an apocalyptic abyss — the earth opened, gobbled up part of a village, and dragged a family of four down to its death in a muddy crater.

RYAN REMIORZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

The bodies of four members of the Préfontaine family were found yesterday inside their home, which was swept away in a landslide in St-Jude, Que., on Monday night.

Authorities said the hockey-mad Préfontaines were in the basement of their elegant country home cheering on the Montreal Canadiens when the landslide struck Monday night.

"After digging and going through the rubble we found the four victims," Michel Doré, Quebec's emergency management co-ordinator, said last night.

"They were found very close to one another, some of them lying on the couch in the family room in the basement."

The first body found belonged to father Richard Préfontaine.

The family's golden retriever had been found earlier, alive, tied to a tree in the mud. The dog, named Foxy, was initially so weak it was believed to be dead, but gained strength and was soon walking gingerly.

The landslide tore a hole more than four times the size of a football field into St-Jude, a verdant village near Montreal.

It ate three cars, one stretch of a concrete road and most of the Préfontaine house, which once sat by a cliff over a tributary of the Yamaska River. The landslide pulled down that cliff.

Residents say they've had nasty incidents before in the farming community about 50 kilometres east of Montreal. The area is laden with clay, and a ground collapse a few years ago wiped out a small bridge.

But they said they've never seen anything like this.

Rescue workers struggled for almost a full day — at times digging with their hands — to enter a home that was mostly buried in mud with only its green roof left peeking out.

"It's a pretty gigantic crater," said François Grégoire, a fire department spokesperson. "It's hard imagining something like this. It's pretty impressive."

The Préfontaine family's lush green yard was transformed into an undulating mess of tangled trees, grass and clay blocks.

The missing family also included a woman in her 40s and two children, a fourth-grader and a high-school student.

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Complaints about school bus bullying of disabled son earn a dad some frustrating advice.
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Congress chastises firms linked to spill

OIL SPILL Congress called BP and its drilling partners to account yesterday for a "cascade of failures" behind the spreading Gulf oil spill, zeroing in on a crucial chain of events at the deep-sea wellhead just before an explosion consumed the rig and set off the catastrophic rupture.

In back-to-back Senate inquiries, lawmakers chastised executives of the three companies at the heart of the massive spill over attempts to shift the blame to each other. And they were asked to explain why better preparations had not been made to head off the accident.

"Let me be really clear," Lamar McKay, chairperson of BP America, told the hearing. "Liability, blame, fault — put it over here." He said: "Our obligation is to deal with the spill, clean it up and make sure the impacts of that spill are compensated, and we're going to do that."

By "over here," McKay meant the witness table at which BP, Transocean and Halliburton executives sat shoulder to shoulder. And despite his acknowledgment of responsibility, each company defended its own operations and raised questions about its partners in the project.

Lawmakers compared the calamity to some of history's most notorious mishaps from sea to space in the first congressional inquiry into the April 20 explosion and so-far-unstoppable spill. In the crowded hearing room, eight young activists sat in quiet protest, with black T-shirts saying, "Energy Shouldn't Cost Lives."

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7 students, 1 teacher dead in attack

CHINA An attacker hacked seven children and one teacher to death this morning and wounded 20 others in a violent rampage at a kindergarten in northwest China's Shaanxi province.

The slaying marked the latest in a string of attacks on schools nationwide and came despite an ordered boost in security at school grounds.

Liu Xiaoming, deputy director of the propaganda department of Hanzhong city where the latest attack occurred, confirmed the deaths and injuries and said the attacker had killed himself afterward.

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Business

Godfrey says Canwest's focus should be online

The new head of Canwest's newspaper division says the media company needs to dedicate more attention to selling advertising space on its slate of websites in order to boost profits.

Paul Godfrey

Paul Godfrey says the newspaper chain — which owns the Montreal Gazette, Vancouver Sun and Ottawa Citizen — should adopt a "digital-first attitude" when it comes to its future operations.

Canwest Global Communications announced Monday it had approved the sale of its newspapers to a group of creditors led by Godfrey, who is president of the National Post. The deal is worth $1.1 billion, including enough cash to pay off the bank lenders, which are owed about $925 million.

Premier Dalton McGuinty said yesterday Godfrey can remain chairperson of the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corp. and that he has no conflict of interests. "He'll continue with his responsibilities at the OLG," McGuinty said.

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Comment

An idea that might take flight

TheWestView

It's hard to believe, but Canada does not have a national bird. It's even harder to believe, but there's actually someone out there who cares.

The Canadian Raptor Conservancy (CRC), from somewhere in Ontario, has captured the imagination of a nation fed up with the usual bird brains by sponsoring a write-in contest to determine a bird of a different feather, a national bird, and then taking the results to Ottawa. Where, presumably, they will be interred in the National Petition Graveyard along with all the others.

So score one for the CRC. But, as you might expect from an organization dedicated to conserving raptors, the results to date are skewed. The red-tailed hawk is in the lead, with the Canada goose second and the loon third.

I'm sure the red-tailed hawk is a swell bird, but it's hardly a national icon. Not only that, its nickname is the chicken hawk. If you ask me, we don't even want to go there.

The Canada goose already says Canada — literally — but as it has moved in and pooped all over city parks from Citadel Hill to Stanley Park, it hardly needs to be encouraged.

Who can resist the call of the loon? Certainly not Ontario, which has already adopted the loon as its provincial bird. We don't want to launch a constitutional crisis by stealing its bird. Ontario is feeling fragile as it is.

The gull? Rats with wings. Ditto pigeons.

We could ruffle the feathers of our American cousins and adopt the bald eagle as our national bird, as there are more bald eagles in B.C. than the entire United States, but as various countries around the world have learned, it's not wise to mess with the U.S.

Instead, why not adopt a bird that has a real Canadian personality? I nominate *passer domesticus*, also known as the common house sparrow.

She's a hardy little critter who toughs out the Canadian winter and survives everything we throw at her: Cats, pesticides, concrete, nasty little boys with BB guns, etc. She's so hardy she's on the Least Concern list of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources, which keeps track of species around the globe. She's a survivor.

And she couldn't be less like the bald eagle, which is the epitome of imperialism: Proud, majestic, cruel. The house sparrow turns up every day, dependable and humble, just like us. Considering how things are going for the eagle these days, that's not such a bad thing.

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Word on the street: Do you think the catastrophic worldwide weather patterns are a sign the apocalypse is nigh?

Kanako Kawakami
Vancouver

A: It rains a lot here. The weather is too crazy. I think it's all part of global warming.

Terance Reddick
In Vancouver for work

A: I think global warming is awful. I live in (New York), one of the most polluted cities in the world.

Laura Steffen
Vancouver

A: This is climate change. Global warming does exist. I've seen in my life how much the weather has changed.

Leo Neitzel
Ottawa

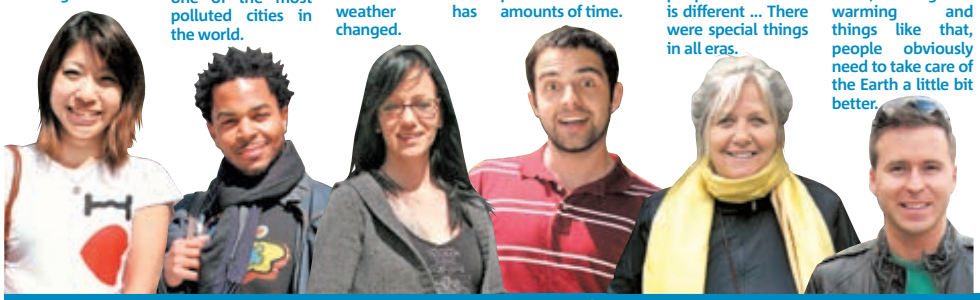
A: I think so. The extremes are getting more extreme. Huge things happen in such little amounts of time.

Ann Nadeau
Toronto

A: No, I do not. People have been talking about that forever. In every era, people think theirs is different ... There were special things in all eras.

Patrick Davidson
Edmonton

A: No, not at all. I think there are highs and lows with our weather, and I think, with global warming and things like that, people obviously need to take care of the Earth a little bit better.



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Glendale comes up with cash for Coyotes

The Glendale city council has guaranteed the NHL up to $25 million US to keep the Phoenix Coyotes in Jobing.com Arena for the 2010-2011 season. But city manager Ed Beasley and NHL deputy commissioner Bill Daly both told the council that the sale of the Coyotes is still expected to close by the end of June and the payments may never be needed. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports

Dead golfer had bags packed

LPGA golfer Erica Blasberg had her bags packed for a tournament in Alabama when she died suddenly at her home in suburban Henderson, Nev., her agent said yesterday. Police aren't saying how she died. Blasberg, left, was scheduled to leave last Sunday to play a qualification round on Monday for the Bell Micro LPGA Classic in Mobile, said the agent, Chase Callahan. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Sports in brief

BASEBALL Seattle Mariners designated hitter Ken Griffey Jr. insists he was available to pinch-hit during a recent game despite reports he was taking a nap. Quoting two Mariners who spoke anonymously, The (Tacoma) News Tribune wrote that Griffey was asleep in the clubhouse Saturday and unavailable to bat. Griffey was asked about the matter yesterday and said he's "available all the time." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SCOREBOARD

NHL PLAYOFFS

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Chicago 5 Vancouver 1

NBA PLAYOFFS

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Boston 120 Cleveland 88

BASEBALL

YESTERDAY'S AL RESULTS

Boston 6 Toronto 1
Chicago White Sox 5 Minnesota 2
Cleveland 8 Kansas City 2
Seattle 5 Baltimore 1
N.Y. Yankees at Detroit (ppd., rain)
Oakland 7 Texas 6 (13 innings)
Tampa Bay 7 L.A. Angels 2

YESTERDAY'S NL RESULTS

Atlanta 11 Milwaukee 3
Cincinnati 9 Pittsburgh 0
Florida 3 Chicago Cubs 2
Houston 6 St. Louis 3
N.Y. Mets 8 Washington 6
Philadelphia at Colorado (ppd., rain)
L.A. Dodgers 13 Arizona 3
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Chicago Blackhawk Dustin Byfuglien scores the fifth goal against Vancouver Canucks goaltender Roberto Luongo last night as Canuck Shane O'Brien moves in. The Blackhawks won 5-1.

End of the road

Canucks' Cup hopes dashed in blowout loss

(Chicago wins series 4-2)

Blackhawks 5 Canucks 1

VS

The Chicago Blackhawks put the Vancouver Canucks on the ropes with a pair of quick goals in the second period, then scored shorthanded to deliver the knockout blow in a 5-1 victory yesterday to win the NHL Western Conference semifinal series.

Troy Brouwer and Kris Versteeg scored 36 seconds apart in the second to give Chicago a 2-0 lead. Then Dave Bolland stuck the fork in with a shorthanded goal with just 45 seconds left in the period.

"Those two goals were pretty valuable," said Brouwer, who sat out three games as a healthy scratch. "It swung a bit of momentum our way.

"Our biggest goal was the shorthanded goal. You never want to give up a goal in the last minute of a period."

Patrick Kane, on a breakaway, and Dustin Byfuglien, who had kicked sand in the Canucks' face all series, also scored for the Hawks, who won the best-of-seven series 4-2.

The victory came one year to the day after Chicago beat Vancouver 7-5 in Game 6 to win the 2009 Western Conference semifinal.

Defenceman Shane O'Brien scored for the Canucks, who have lost in the second round of the playoffs three of the last four years. His goal came moments after Kevin Bieksa had hit the cross-bar.

Canuck goaltender Roberto Luongo was left searching for answers in a quiet Vancouver dressing room.

"I don't know why we played the way we did," said Luongo. "I don't know if we just assumed it was going to happen here at home tonight.

"It could have easily been 2-0 or 3-0 in the first period."

It was another disappointing end to the season for the Canucks, who have not advanced past the second round of the playoffs since losing in the 1994 Stanley Cup finals.

The Blackhawks flew to Vancouver packed so they could travel on to San Jose where they will play the Sharks in the Western Conference final.

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Celtics have Cavaliers on the ropes

(Boston leads series 3-1)

Celtics 120 Cavaliers 88

VS

NBA The Boston Celtics pushed the Cleveland Cavaliers dangerously close to an early start to the Summer of LeBron.

Ray Allen scored 25 points, Rajon Rondo scored all of his 16 in the second half and the Celtics, once thought too old to challenge for another title, beat LeBron James and the Cavs 120-88 in Game 5 last night to move within one win of knocking the NBA's top team from the playoffs.

Paul Pierce added 21 and Kevin Garnett 18 for the Celtics, who handed the Cavs their worst home playoff loss in history and can end Cleveland's season with a win in Game 6 on Thursday night.

"We cannot come back here," Garnett said. "We have to think this is our Game 7 coming up and we cannot afford to have the best team in the league have a Game 7 on their floor. Just not possible."

James, the league's two-time MVP on the verge of an expected trip into free agency on July 1, had an atrocious game. He scored 15 points on 3-of-14 shooting.

Because of James' uncertain future, Game 5 may have been his last at home for Cleveland and it has set up Game 6 as the most important in franchise history: Win and force Game 7 on Sunday in Cleveland; lose and maybe watch James leave for good. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Travel

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Best beaches bar none

Boracay Island a tropical escape on a budget

INGA JASNA
Metro World News

I finally did it, I quit my job. But there's no point being a boss if you can't make executive decisions and my first one was to give myself a holiday.

So I bought a return ticket and jumped on a plane headed for the Philippines — Manila to be precise.

Manila is big and noisy — and like most big cities in Asia you want to leave as soon as possible. So, the next morning I boarded a tiny plane to a town called Caticlan then a short ferry to the tropical paradise that is Boracay Island.

I had no hotel so I asked a driver and ended up at Holiday Homes de Boracay — a paradise for pennies.

The normal going rate was 1,500 pesos ($25) per night — but I was staying for three weeks and negotiated a 600 pesos ($10) per night deal for a suite in a beach hotel with en suite bathroom, one huge double bed and 60-channel TV.

There was a delicious all-you-can-eat buffet for about $5 and it was served at candle-lit tables on the beach.

And in Boracay the beaches are everything.

On the seven-kilometres-long, one-kilometre-wide island there are 12 of them.

The longest and most famous is White Sand beach — porcelain sands framed by swaying palm trees, at the edge of crystal clear blue water — the kind of place it is impossible to take a bad picture here.

The nightlife is busy too. I could often hear a ballad playing in my left ear.

But what stands out most is the contrast between most mainstream resorts and Boracay — there are almost no tourists here. It makes the sea seem bluer, the sands whiter and your mind calmer. As I stepped into the waves

I experienced that calm and at that moment I knew I'd made the right decision.

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Boracay's sunsets are topped by no others in the world.

Palm trees line the island.

Balut for the brave

• Not everything in Boracay is beautiful. Food in Boracay is largely European and the seafood is excellent (try the Escondido or Boracay Crab House for some the best crab and prawns) but the braver diners may wish to sample the real local delicacy Balut. Balut is basically a duck or chicken egg with a half-formed embryo inside. It is either a charming and delicious slice of Philippines life or a horror show.

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Quads under consideration

The government of Canada may consider allowing the sale of motor quadricycles, essentially motorized four-wheeled bicycles, for on-road use. A new public consultation paper will be published to consider the importation and distribution of motor quadricycles for on-road use in Canada. CANADIANDRIVER.COM

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Used and confused

Canadian drivers are making uninformed decisions when they're buying used cars, and more than half who have purchased a pre-owned car admitted they didn't get all the facts, according to a survey commissioned by Kijiji Canada.

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New Galant rock solid

Can Mitsu take on rivals?

PETER BLEAKNEY
for Metro Canada

2010 Mitsubishi Galant

Type: Mid-sized sedan
Price: from $23,998
Engine: 2.4L four-cylinder
HP: 160

Highlights

- Refined handling
- Roomy interior

Lets have a show of hands. How many of you have seen a Mitsubishi Galant on the road recently? Um ... okay. Anyone even know what a Galant looks like?

Cue the crickets.

This, the ninth-generation of Mitsubishi's four-door mid-sized sedan, has been around since 2003, and flies so far under shopper's radar it's almost subterranean. Last year Mitsu moved 463 Galants in Canada (total Mitsubishi sales were 19,786). Compare that to 15,524 Toyota Camrys and 16,526 Ford Fusions.

For 2010, Mitsubishi has streamlined the Galant line to one model — the 160 hp 2.4L four-cylinder ES with four-speed manumatic, un-heated fabric seats and nary an available option. Asking price is $23.998, which puts it right in the thick of this fiercely competitive segment. Exhibit A: the all-new and very stylish 2011 Hyundai Sonata that packs a 198 hp direct-injection 2.4L four with six-speed auto for $24,249.

The Galant is not a bad car. It's just not a great car, and in this company you may as well just stay home.

For 2010 the Galant gets side skirts, black headlight surrounds (from last year's 3.8L V6 GT model) a new grill and 16-inch alloys that look somewhat lost in the wheel wells.

In the plus ledger, the Galant feels structurally rock solid and exhibits a matured and refined ride/handling balance. While the steering isn't particularly communicative, it is quick and accurate. All in all, this Mitsu is quite comfortable, with good seats, plenty of headroom and capacious rear quarters.

While the four-speed auto is down one or two cogs from the competition, it's a smooth and quick shifting unit. In day-to-day operation it works just fine, and I didn't really miss the extra gears.

Mitsubishi has added standard stability control to the 2010 Galant ES.

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Models showcase Lamborghini's sports clothes at the grand opening of the automaker's boutique in Richmond, B.C.

Toyota cruises back into the black

Toyota cruised back to profit in the latest quarter as the world's top carmaker cut costs and hitched a ride on the global auto sales recovery while fighting to salvage its reputation for quality.

Toyota Motor Corp. said yesterday that January-March profit totalled 112 billion yen ($1.2 billion US) compared with a 766 billion yen loss the year before.

Quarterly revenue jumped to 5.28 trillion yen ($57 billion US) from 3.54 trillion yen a year earlier, when purchases of cars and other vehicles were slumping amid the global financial crisis.

Toyota is forecasting even better results for the fiscal year through March 2011, projecting annual profit to rise 48 per cent to 310 billion yen ($3.3 billion US).

Whether the world's biggest automaker can continue its recovery rests in part on salvaging its reputation after recalling more than 8 million cars worldwide for faulty gas pedals, a braking software glitch, faulty floor mats and other defects. On Monday, the U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said it is carrying out a new investigation into Toyota to see whether it had stalled on a recall for a steering defect in 2005 in the U.S. It had carried out recalls for similar problems in Japan in 2004.

Toyota has already paid a maximum fine of $16.4 million for dallying on a recall for acceleration problems, and NHTSA could slap it with a fine of up to that amount again over the steering issue.

U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood, who is in Japan to visit Toyota and inspect high-speed trains, said Monday that additional fines may be levied against Toyota.

President Akio Toyoda, grandson of the automaker's founder, said yesterday the company was co-operating with the investigation.

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MODEL: 2000 to 2006 Toyota Tundra
VEHICLE TYPE: Pickup truck
APPROXIMATE USED PRICE RANGE: $9,000 to $22,000

HISTORY/DESCRIPTION: When the last-generation Toyota Tundra was launched in 1999, it was anyone's guess how a full-sized Japanese pickup would compete with the likes of established models from Dodge, GM and Ford. Despite its relatively small sales volumes, the Tundra impressed owners and media alike, and quickly went on to receive numerous awards from industry authorities.

Tundra came initially with a 3.4 litre V6 engine with 190 horsepower, or a 4.7 litre dual-cam V8 that cranked out 245. The V6 was eventually enlarged to a four-litre, 245 horsepower unit, while the V8 was re-tuned to generate 282 ponies — depending on the year in question.

Look for a five or six-speed manual gearbox, or a four or five-speed automatic transmission, depending on the model and year. Regular cab, access cab or double cab bodies were available, and all models shared the same wheelbase and frame.

Tundra's features list included items like antilock brakes, an off-road package, fog-lamps, power accessories, leather seats and front captain's chairs. Note that dealers offered a comprehensive selection of add-on parts, organizers and audio system upgrades, too.

WHAT OWNERS LIKE: Of course, capability, power, all-terrain traction and cargo-hauling abilities are all praised by Tundra owners. Most also enjoy a well sorted out ride, and say the looks and performance helped seal the deal.

WHAT OWNERS HATE: Common complaints include a large turning circle and low seats which create a potentially-awkward seating position. Some owners wish for a redesigned centre console, and others complain of a harsh ride in the TRD Off-Road version.

COMMON ISSUES: On a test-drive, be sure to check the Tundra's brakes and tires, ensuring that neither is in need of replacement. Many owners reported premature wear of both. Any shuddering, grinding or vibration during stopping likely means a brake-job is needed.

A check-engine light could indicate a bad oxygen sensor, which may adversely affect mileage and performance if not replaced.

As with any pickup truck, a thorough inspection of the underside for excessive rust, gouges, dents or other signs of trouble is highly advised. If you're not mechanically inclined, a visit to your Toyota dealer for a pre-purchase inspection may reveal any potential troubles. While beneath the vehicle, ask the inspecting mechanic to look for fluid leaks, and inspect the suspension for signs of excessive wear.

There's a lot of potentially-expensive hardware beneath a pickup truck, and shoppers shouldn't necessarily trust that the former owner isn't trying to pass the bill on. Additionally, those unsure of the service history of the machine in question should budget for a tune-up and full fluid change.

Finally, ask your dealership to see if the Tundra you're considering has any outstanding recall work.

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Driving Force

One of the most logical ways to save gasoline is not to use any at all. That's the thinking behind Chrysler's Interactive Decel Fuel Shut Off, or iDFSO, which turns off the fuel supply when it isn't needed.

Many automakers use similar technology in their vehicles. Chrysler puts it on a number of engines in its Chrysler, Dodge, Ram and Jeep brands, on both V6 and V8 configurations.

Engines run when gasoline vapour is injected in and then exploded by the spark plug. The resulting energy moves pistons, which turn a central crankshaft; that shaft's spinning motion is transferred through the transmission and drive shafts to turn the vehicle's wheels. The crankshaft revolves at all times when the engine is running, but when you're decelerating, the vehicle's momentum is enough to keep it spinning. Since the engine is capable of running without gasoline due to this momentum, iDFSO temporarily shuts off the fuel supply.

"When you come off the throttle, the accelerator pedal sends a signal to the engine control unit," says Nick Cappa, public relations manager for Chrysler Group LLC. "The unit is also taking input from the wheel speed sensors, not just from the pedal, because if you stopped at a stoplight (without fuel supply), the engine would die. If it gets too slow, the control unit recognizes it and the engine goes into normal fuel delivery operation."

The system is seamless and goes unnoticed by the driver. Fuel is only cut off during vehicle slowdown, either when the driver takes her foot off the throttle or applies the brakes; fuel delivery remains at normal levels during all other driving. While the engine isn't receiving fuel during the shut-off period, it is still operating normally, and so peripherals such as the water pump and power brakes continue to function normally.

The system is always monitoring the engine's operation, Cappa says. "It's always going to pay attention to the speed of the vehicle. It's just calibration and sensor input only, not a different fuel pump or injectors."

$7 million for uManitoba northern medical residency program
The federal government announced yesterday over $6.9 million for a University of Manitoba pilot project to increase family medicine residency positions for Canada's North. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Workology

Pro-life group at uCal warned

The University of Calgary has issued a formal warning to eight members of a campus pro-life group promising tougher sanctions if they continue setting up displays on campus. The warning is the result of uCalgary finding members of the student group guilty of non-academic misconduct. The non-academic charges stem from an incident last month in which group members refused campus security's request to turn their posters inward. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Rural or urban, the question on every veterinarian's mind

Paws, Claws and Jobs

JON TATTRIE
for Metro Canada

As a vet in rural areas, you'll be conducting numerous housecalls and working with many farm animals, such as cows (upper right) and pigs.

Graduates from veterinary school have a wide career path opening before them, but for many, the decision comes down to rural verses urban. A rural career will likely be a mix of large-animal care like cows and small-animal care for the area pets, while urban will mean working in a pet hospital.

Dr Lisa Miller, associate dean of academic and student affairs at the Atlantic Veterinary College in P.E.I., says it's usually about lifestyle, not salary. Those who are drawn to rural work often grew up in that environment or are attracted to the deeper community and greater independence. The downside is long hours and a lot of traveling. While a pet hospital just opens its doors and lets the animals come to it, rural practitioners must travel to the animals.

"A lot of people can't physically do the work," Miller says.

Elizabeth Lowenger, diversity and career coordinator at the Ontario Veterinary College, at the University of Guelph, says the shortage of rural workers stems from the fact that women have come to dominant the profession in the past decade.

"It's a little more difficult to do large animal if you're pregnant or if you have children," she says. Women vets may start in rural, large-animal care, but are less likely to stay.

"It's not quite as hygienic and it's long hours. If a cow is calving in the middle of the night, you've got to go," she says. "But some people like the variety."

Those factors were on Tasha Kean-Clark's mind when she graduated from the Atlantic Veterinary School in 2008 and moved to Calgary to start work in a small-animal clinic. She loves the challenges and regular life.

"Living in a large city with many 24-hour clinics means I never work overnight shifts, as I can transfer my patients out for the night if needed," she says. "The desire to work Monday to Friday … and have a healthy work-life balance is the primary reason I am in small-animal medicine. The only downside is my love of emergency medicine, which I only get to do a smidge of."

A third way is to follow Miller's path — she's a pathologist. It allows her to work regular hours and on all species, but with a drawback: They're all dead by the time she gets to them.

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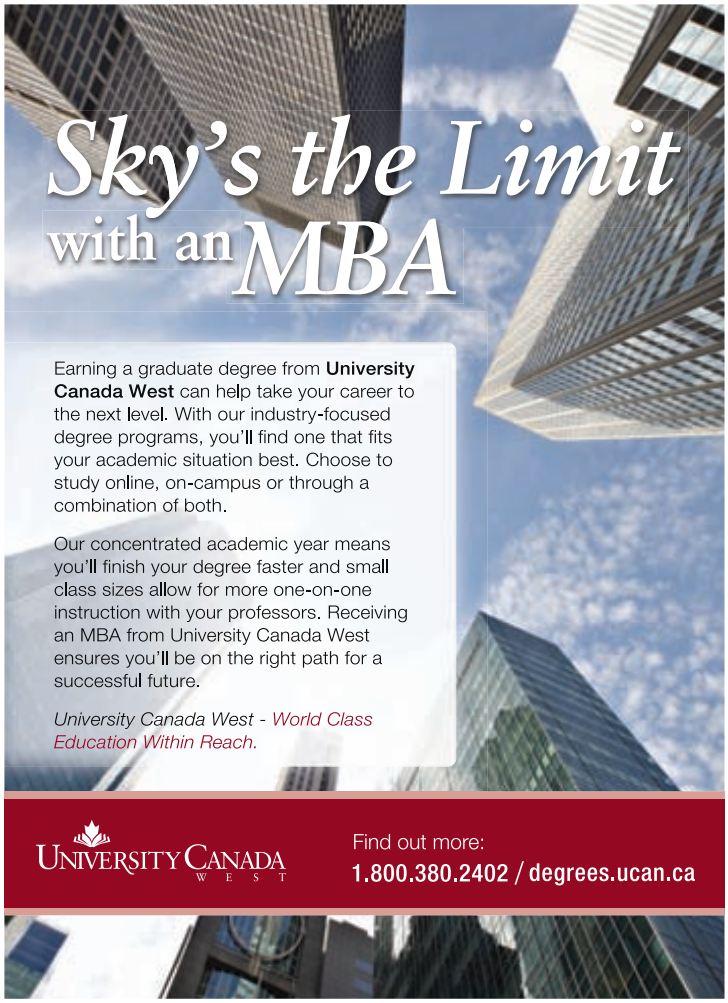
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Fright Night vamp

Colin Farrell is slated to play a vampire in the Fright Night remake opposite Anton Yelchin, empireonline.com reports. Craig Gillespie is directing the Marti Noxon-scripted redo of the cult 1985 horror comedy drama. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Entertainment

Swift rise

She's only 20, but Taylor Swift is getting in the hall of fame. The country starlet will receive the Hal David Starlight Award at the Songwriters Hall of Fame Awards on June 17. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Matters of the heart

Redgrave, Seyfried search for love in Letters to Juliet

ANNE BRODIE
for Metro Canada

Amanda Seyfried and Vanessa Redgrave star in Gary Winick's romance drama Letters to Juliet. They embark on a mission to find the lover Redgrave's character left behind in Tuscany 50 years earlier.

The key is the long-standing tourist tradition of writing letters to Juliet, Shakespeare's tragic heroine in Romeo and Juliet. Girls come to Verona from all over the world to leave lovelorn letters at Juliet's balcony, which are answered by Juliet's 'secretaries.' Director Gary Winick gave it a shot himself ... just to see, before committing to the major production with one of his most admired actresses.

"The film pitch was that a letter got stuck in the wall and 50 years later gets answered and that person comes to find (the) person they were in love with. Everyone said 'wow, this is great'." Gary Winick

Letters To Juliet opens Friday

"I wrote to the secretaries from New York asking for advice. You send the letter and you know Juliet doesn't exist, never did, but there are these secretaries who do and they answer. I just did it. The film pitch was that a letter got stuck in the wall and 50 years later gets answered and that person comes to find (the) person they were in love with. Everyone said 'wow, this is great'. That became a really big focus and it was a great role for an older actress. Vanessa Redgrave was our first choice. She would come back to Verona to look for her Lorenzo."

Redgrave avoided the cliché of longing for him. "We discussed it in the rehearsals but Vanessa didn't want it to go in that direction. She shouldn't be feeling a longing for her lover, or getting to a place where she would just want to go home. Vanessa said she feels it's an adventure and that it shouldn't escalate. She was able to build the longing even though it wasn't plotted out and the wonderful actress that she is, she did by degrees arrange these moments."

Seyfried plays an American visitor to Verona who is enchanted by the idea of a living Juliet legacy. She set Redgrave's character on her search across Italy, as she weathers her own romantic upheavals.

"Another layer that I liked and tried to make sure came across was the mother/daughter relationship of Vanessa and Amanda, their friendship. Amanda brought so much to the role, sophistication, nuance, and experience."

Winick's career as a director of chick flicks soared back in 2004 with the international success of 13 Going on 30 with Jennifer Garner. But he has noticed that usually reliable romance films are harder to make now.

"Because of that film I will always get work. And Jennifer Garner, we want to make something together this fall. But movies have changed, things got kind of weird. When we did 13 Going on 30, we just did it. Now everyone is attached but things are only kind of green lit. It's unfortunate because they keep making bad movies, either way. They should make fewer movies and better ones. And considering the demographic that rules the theatres, the young boys, and every movie I made was the exact opposite."

Perhaps most especially Letters to Juliet.

Vanessa Redgrave, left, and Amanda Seyfried star in director Gary Winick's romance drama Letters to Juliet.

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The king of Cool

Idol contestant James has his town's support

Casey James isn't just an American Idol heartthrob. The guitar-playing crooner is also the king of Cool.

Cool, Texas, that is.

The tiny ranching and farming community where James grew up is rallying around the musician who is one of the last four contestants left in this season's show.

A marquee outside the Cool Community Center reads "Am. Idol Casey James!" At his former high school in nearby Millsap, a banner proclaiming "MHS (hearts) Casey James" hangs over the main entrance, where the doors are covered with dozens of signs: "Vote Casey — He's the Best" and "Casey James Rocks!"

A Millsap High teacher has made a shrine to James in her classroom, featuring a candle, his senior yearbook and a poster covered with his photos. Last week, about 200 people watched American Idol on big-screen televisions at the school, which has about 265 students.

American Idol contestant Casey James' town of Cool, Texas, is rallying around the musician who is one of four left this season.

"It's a really big thing at school and all over town because Millsap has never had anyone famous," said Jerra Lewis, who taught James in her theatre class before he graduated in 2000.

American Idol results show airs tonight on Fox

James has been a fan favourite since his Denver audition for the Fox show's ninth season, when some of the judges asked the 27-year-old to remove his shirt and take down his ponytail — revealing wavy, dirty-blond locks.

Hollywood is a long way from Cool, a 200-resident town about 40 miles west of Fort Worth. But while playing the guitar and singing on the front porch or performing with his mother's band in local festivals, he had big dreams.

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Tyra agrees to new three-book deal

Banks

NOVEL Tyra Banks wants to spread some truth, and a little fantasy. The talk show host and former model has agreed to a three-book deal with Delacorte Press for a fantasy series for young people. It's about a girl trying to keep up with the beauty game at an elite school for supermodels, or Intoxibellas. Delacorte said yesterday that the first novel, Modelland, comes out in the summer of 2011.

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In brief

CANNES Hard times for the economy. Hard times for the Cannes Film Festival, at least in terms of splashy Hollywood films for which the world's most prestigious cinema showcase is known. Cannes opens today with Ridley Scott's Robin Hood.

REMAKE MTV has ordered 10 episodes of a U.S. remake of the hit British teen drama Skins, tvsquad.com reports.

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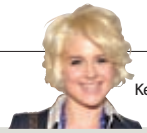

They mark time with hair-colour changes
Kelly Osbourne is shocked she and her fiancé have been together for two years, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The 25-year-old star insists she and model Luke Worrall, 20, are happier than ever and are still inseparable after all this time. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Anne, you make bad boy choices

WAIT, BUT WHAT'S THE COMMON DENOMINATOR HERE? MAYBE SHE'S THE CRIMINAL MASTERMIND BEHIND THE BOTCHED REAL ESTATE DEALS AND ART THEFT Can't Anne Hathaway — one of Hollywood's most angelic and seemingly nice young actresses — just find a guy without some sort of criminal implications?

The Alice in Wonderland starlet is stuck in the middle of more headlines thanks to a significant other, as her new boyfriend Adam Shulman allegedly took off with part of a painted mural, popeater.com reports.

Unfortunately for Shulman, someone else claims the mural is his property, and is going to press charges unless it's returned.

For Hathaway, this must be a blatant reminder of her romantic woes past. She previously was in a long-term relationship with Raffaello Follieri, who is currently serving jail time after he pleaded guilty to fraud charges.

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One ring to unbind them

THE END IS NIGH Brooke Mueller has ditched her wedding ring in a sign that her marriage to Charlie Sheen may soon be over, despite their claims that they are trying to work through things, according to Radar Online.

"The ring is off for good," a source says. "Brooke has had enough. Charlie has cheated on her repeatedly and lied to her about it."

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Today, **LADY GAGA** isn't complaining, **RUSSELL CROWE** isn't having a great time in France, **AVRIL LAVIGNE** is easily amused, and **RUSSELL BRAND** isn't pleased with England's election results.

@ladygaga life is a red carpet
@russellcrowe so far, Cannes as glamorous as a sausage sandwich. hotel took suits couple hours ago to steam, haven't returned. Shorts n' hood 4 press.
@AvrilLavigne Sun's coming up!!!!! Hahaha
@rustyrockets Democracy doesn't work! Revolution! would I.

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Marking their territory

WITH A HAS-BEEN BEAT DOWN Lindsay Lohan apparently has a new nemesis in Avril Lavigne after the two allegedly engaged in a screaming match when Lohan tried to chat up Lavigne's pals at the Chateau Marmont in L.A., according to Page Six.

"As soon as she approached, Avril launched at her and said, 'Get the hell out of my face, you are fake, you are a loser. I don't like false people. Stay away from me and my friends,'" a source says.

Lohan reportedly stomped off and tried to convince security to kick Lavigne's group out, but they refused and Lohan eventually left herself.

"Avril is avoiding going to the Chateau Marmont when she knows Lindsay will be there," the source adds. "She doesn't want any more drama."

METRO WORLD NEWS

A 21st-century woman

SHE'S JUST LIKE US! Amanda Seyfried puts her career before love, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The 24-year-old star — who has been dating the British actor Dominic Cooper since they met on the set of Mamma Mia! in 2008 — admitted she would put her career in Hollywood before any man in her life.

Speaking of her role in the movie Letters to Juliet she said: "My character was very motivated by her job and not by her love life, which is kind of normal for a girl her age.

"I know it is for me. Sometimes I focus less on my relationship and more on my career."

The actress also claimed that being in a relationship can become "very warped" when you're so in love with somebody.

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Moving her money maker

AND MAKING HER PARENTS PROUD. NO, SERIOUSLY Miley Cyrus' new hyper-sexualized video for Can't Be Tamed may have a lot of folks complaining, but the 17-year-old's own folks aren't among them.

"My dad loves it," Cyrus tells MTV News. "I think my dad was thinking I was a little crazy while I was writing it."

Cyrus adds that both dad Billy Ray Cyrus and mom Tish Cyrus are behind her.

"They were so proud of the treatment that I came up for it with my good friend Jamal," she says, referring to choreographer Jamal Sims.

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GETTY IMAGES

Chenoweth stands up for gay actors

THEY CAN ACT LIKE THEY WANT TO KISS HER Broadway actress Kristin Chenoweth has slammed Newsweek writer Ramin Setoodeh, who criticized Sean Hayes for not being able to successfully play a straight man in Promises, Promises.

He went on to generalize the casting problem to all gay actors, popeater.com reported.

An upset Chenoweth immediately wrote a lengthy response to support her Broadway co-star.

"This article offends me because I am a human being, a woman and a Christian. For example, there was a time when Jewish actors had to change their names because anti-Semites thought no Jew could convincingly play Gentile," she wrote.

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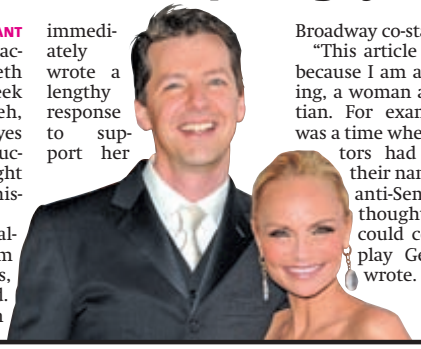

White's on top of the world

NOW THEY WANT HER TO DANCE WITH THE STARS The wave of affection for Betty White continues.

After pulling in high ratings and rave reviews hosting Saturday Night Live, producers for another hit show are looking to snatch her up.

"Dancing With The Stars would love to have Betty White grace the dance floor next season," a source close to the show tells Popeater.

"Not only would she guarantee great ratings, she would also make it easier for a lot of big celebrities — who up to now have been sitting on the fence — to sign on. "There is no one bigger or more respected than Betty White."

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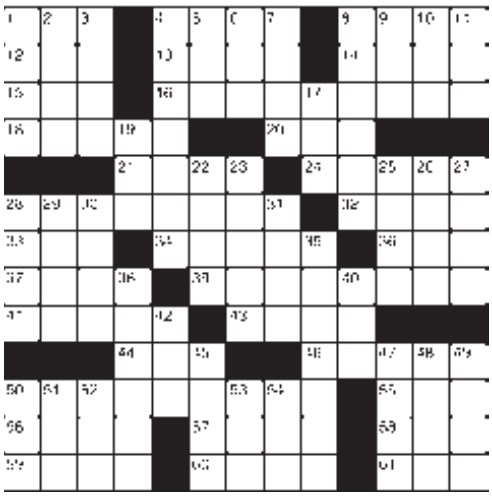

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

5		8					6	3
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1				7		3	2	6
9				4	5			
8	6					9		4

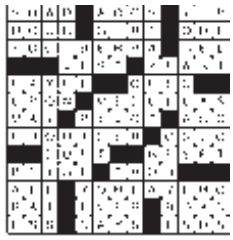
ACROSS

1 Banned insecticide
4 Computer geek
8 Sharpen
12 Reaction to fireworks
13 Eye layer
14 Unusual
15 Ultra-modern (Pref.)
16 Home of MIT
18 Thin porridge
20 Held a meeting
21 Road Runner's sound
24 Type of golf club
28 Phnom Penh's country
32 Authentic
33 Undivided
34 Zeroes
36 Meadow
37 Barbershop prop
39 "Wichita Lineman" singer
41 Massage
43 Addict
44 Conk out
46 Humorous
50 Soft cheese
55 Commotion
56 Enthusiastic, plus
57 Formerly
58 Agent, briefly
59 Chiming sound
60 Approach
61 Type measures

DOWN

1 Ding follower
2 Active one
3 Grand
4 Atomic bit
5 Actress Mendes
6 Sleep phenom
7 Slight touches
8 Author
9 Owned
10 Work unit
11 Shirt shape
17 Uncooked
19 Recede
22 Learning (Abbr.)
23 Rice recipe (Var.)
25 Take out of context?
26 Food critic
Greene
27 Mideastern airline
28 Tilt, as the head
29 In due time
30 Unit of cultural information
31 Charitable donations
35 Ghost
38 No-goodnik
40 Sis' counterpart
42 Poorly lit
45 Black, in poetry
47 Filly's mom
48 The same, in a bibliography
49 Long-running true-crime TV show
50 Taxi
51 Past
52 Calendar abbr.
53 Compass dir.
54 HDTV maker

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



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5	6	8	3	1	9	4	2	7
3	4	2	8	5	7	1	6	9
2	3	4	1	7	8	6	9	5
6	7	1	5	9	3	8	4	2
9	8	5	2	6	4	3	7	1

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Metro Recipe of the Day

Bulgur with Spring Vegetables

INGREDIENTS:
1 1/4 cups bulgur
3 1/2 cups boiling water
2 tbsp olive oil
3 tbsp fresh lemon juice
Salt to taste
1/2 tsp pepper
2 leeks, halved lengthwise, then cut crosswise into 1-inch pieces
2 cloves garlic, minced
12 asparagus spears, cut into 2-inch lengths
1 cup frozen peas
1/4 cup chopped fresh mint

METHOD:
1 Combine bulgur and boiling water in large heatproof bowl. Let stand until bulgur is tender, 30 minutes; stir after 15 minutes. Drain bulgur in large fine-meshed sieve to get rid of remaining liquid.

2. Whisk 1 tbsp of oil, lemon juice, salt and pepper in large bowl. Add bulgur; fluff with fork to separate grains and combine them with lemon mixture.

3. Heat remaining oil in medium skillet over low heat. Add leeks and garlic; cook until leeks are tender, 5 minutes. Transfer to bowl with bulgur.

4. In steamer set over pot of boiling water, steam asparagus until tender, 4 minutes. Add peas during final 30 seconds of steaming. Add vegetables to bowl of bulgur along with mint and toss to combine. Serve at room temperature or chilled.

SERVES 6

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ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
There are some interesting things going on behind the scenes but you won't find out what they are, at least not yet. Don't worry.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
If you cannot make up your mind what you should do today, seek the advice of someone whose opinions you know you can trust.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Everyday tasks and chores will make you happy today. You will appreciate the way they don't tax your brain too much.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Even the most negative of Cancerians will be looking to the future with hope. You can sense that something special is going to happen,

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
If the goal you are pursuing is a goal others have persuaded you to aim for it's unlikely to lead to happiness.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Listen carefully to what friends and family and work colleagues are saying. In there somewhere is information that can be turned to your own advantage.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Your words seem to carry extra weight with family and friends at the moment and if you need to sell them an idea now is the time to do it.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
Whatever ideas you have over the next few days you can be sure the planets are behind you 100 per cent.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
Is someone you are close to trying to undermine you? It may seem that way but just because they are acting strangely does not mean they are.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
Your way with words will open the right doors, in the right way, at the right time. Words are power. Use them wisely.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
Be brutally honest with people today, even those who don't take kindly to being told what to do.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Do something creative today. The planets are moving in your favor at the moment, so all things are possible.

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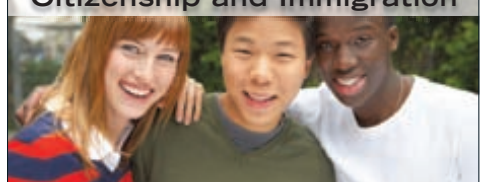
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